drugs for price decontrol on the ground that these are used for family welfare programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that market sale of each brand of these drugs have an annual sales turnover between one crore to five crores.

(c) whether Kelkar Committee sought clarification from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in regard to the use of these drugs for family welfare programme;

(d) if so, when and if not, on what basis the conclusion was arrived at;

(e) whether his Ministry examined this conclusion of the report; and

(f) if so, what is their analysis and what action has been taken on that basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) The Kelkar Committee in its supplementary Report had mentioned Hydroxyprogestrone (a sex harmone) as one of the 11 drugs which may be considered for possible inclusion in the Second Schedule.

(b) Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored.

(c) There is no such reference in the Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee.

(d) to (f) The recommendation of the Kelkar Committee for inclusion of some drugs under price control is under active examination of the Government.

Performance of Plant Load Factor by BHEL thermal units

1429. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL thermal units have sustained the targets set; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether this low target was set by BHEL in consultation with Government;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 56.9 per cent achieved by BHEL units as against all-India perfomance of 56.2 per cent;

(d) whether BHEL have any plan to achieve average of 78.1 per cent PLF as achieved by the Singrauli units and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether PLF of any such imported thermal units is better than that achieved by BHEL units and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) During 1988-89, thermal sets supplied by BHEL generated 1,17,047 million units against the target of 1,15,446 million units. In 1989-90 (April-June), these sets generated 31,270 million units against the target of 30,097 million units. In both the cases, the Plant Load Factor was 56.9 per cent.

(b) These targets have been fixed by the Central Electricity Authority in consultation with various State Electricity Boards/Organisations and BHEL.

(c) Though the average Plant Load Factor of BHEL units is better than the national average, efforts are being made to improve the same further.

(d) BHEL is not involved in the actual generation of power by the utilities. Based on the feed-back about performance, BHEL takes steps for improvement in design and manufacture of its equipment.

(e) The design and quality of the set are two among several factors which decide the PLF. Some of the thermal sets supplied by BHEL have been giving excellent performance. In some cases, the performance of BHEL sets is better than that of comparable imported sets as in the case of Singrauli, Korba, Tuticorin and Vijayawada.